



Dalmatians Temperament

Dalmatians are a picture of elegance with symmetrical, muscular, medium-sized build and superior endurance. They are playful, happy-go-lucky, extremely sensitive, and very loyal. They enjoy playing with children and get along well with other pets. They are clowns and love being the center of attention at all times.

Dalmatians are very intelligent and learn quickly. Dalmatians train to a high degree of obedience and can also be trained for defense. They are very loyal companions to their families and make great watchdogs.

Dalmatians need human companionship and for this reason they do not make good yard dogs. They are NOT outside dogs but instead family pets that prefer to live inside the home. Dalmatians will be very unhappy outside and will most likely protest at being left outside. Protesting can be vocal or through destructive behavior like digging holes, chewing on things, etc. Dalmatians should NOT be kept outside in the cold.

Dalmatians are very active and require exercise everyday. They are great jogging or biking partners. They love to run, preferably off the leash in a safe area. If you are a very active person who can devote daily exercise and attention for the dog, a Dalmatian is a good choice for you. No, they are not all "hyper" or "high-strung". Dalmatians generally have a high energy level and may get easily excited however, with proper exercise and attention they are very happy being couch potatoes!

Dalmatians are easy to groom and clean but do SHED all year round. They generally are self-cleaning and are said to even avoid puddles! If you have more than one, they will often groom each other.

It is so important that you learn as much as possible about Dalmatians before deciding to adopt one. Many people love the stunning look and elegance of a Dalmatian but fail to research the breed before bringing one into the home. This many times can result in an unhappy home for both the Dalmatian and their owners. We have done our best to provide you with necessary information before you decide to adopt one of Dorothy's Perfect Pets' Dalmatians.

Dalmatian Deafness



Deaf dogs get along better than most might think. Why? Dogs view the world very differently than humans. A dog who is born deaf does not know he is deaf, or rather, he does not know everyone else can hear. To him, the world is what it is. A human who is disabled in some way, in most cases is very aware of it. Humans have a tendency to dwell on their disability.

Dogs do not dwell about what they do not have, because they do not think about it that way. They do not sit back and reminisce about the past, or about the future. For a dog, it's all about the now and what they are doing at that very moment.

A human communicates in this order: Hearing, Seeing, and then Smelling. Where a dog communicates in this order: Smelling, Seeing, and then Hearing.



A dog's sense of smell is 10,000 to 10,000,000 times more sensitive than a human (depending on the breed). A human has 5 million scent glands, as compared to a dog that has 220 million. When a dog smells something, they can tell a lot about it. It's almost like reading a book. Where the object has been, what it has eaten, what it has touched, etc. Deaf dogs rely on their nose and eyes, and those senses become

even more sensitive.

Besides the three senses, hearing, seeing and smelling, dogs possess yet another sense we humans lack. A dog can read energy. If a person is nervous, they know it, if a person is scared, they know it, if a person is feeling sorry, they know it. While they can read these emotions, they read them differently than a human. To a dog nervous, scared, pity, etc. is read as weak. Yes, if you feel pity for a dog, they read it as a weakness in the human.

Since a dog reads emotions such as pity, sadness, nervousness, fear, passiveness, etc... as weak, when these emotions are picked up on, instinct tells him he must take over and be a leader, for the pack's survival. Without a really clear order, dogs are not happy and more often than not, try and "save their pack" by becoming the strong leader their pack is lacking.

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